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NOVA SCOTIA.

OVA SCOTIA is the most northerly, and easterly Province of all the English Range on the Continent, and consequently, the nearest to Europe.

It was called Nova Scotia by Sir William Alexander, Secretary of State for Scotland, under King James I. and afterwards created Earl of Stirling. By Means of Sir Firdinando Gorge, President of the New-England or Plymouth Company, he obtained a Royal Grant for this Tract in 1621. When the French got Possession of it, they called it L'Accadie, in Allusion to Arcadia in the Grecian Peloponnesus; but with what Propriety I cannot pretend to determine.

A very exact geographical Description of a rude uncultivated Country is not to be expected: But the Boundaries of this are not difficult to settle, as it is on three Sides surrounded by the River of St. Laurence, the Gulph of the same Name, the Gut of Canso Cape Sable Shore on the Atlantick Ocean, and the Bay of Fundy. The Division from New-England has been sometimes laid down by the Course of St. John's River, which rising from the Lady Mountains, at no great Distance from the River of St. Lau-